GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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BAN ON ALLOPATHIC DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of allopathic drugs whose production I distribution has been banned during the last threers;

(b) the steps taken to ensure that these drugs are sold at all;

(c) the details of cases of sale of these drugs ected despite the ban in the country during the said tod; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM V1LAS PASWAN):

(a) Manufacture and sales of the following drugs have been prohibited by the Central Government under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act in the last 3 years:

(a) Astemizole

(b) Terfinadine

(c) Phenformin

(d) Rofecoxib

(b) The following steps are being taken:

(i) The drugs are prohibited through a Gazette Notification by the Central Government;

(ii) The information about the Notification is released through the Press for the guidance of general public;

(iii) Copies of the Notification are forwarded to the State Drugs Control Authorities to ensure that the product is not offered for sale;

(iv) Copies are also forwarded to the Manufacturer`s Associations and Chemists Associations for wide publicity to the members through their Journals;

(v) The list of drugs prohibited for manufacture and sale is available on the website www.cdsco. nic.in for the use of general public as well as medical professionals.

(c) and (d) No reports have so far been received about the violation ofthe prohibitory orders issued for these drugs. State Licensing Authorities are required to ensure through routine inspections that these drugs are not offered for sale by the manufacturers or chemists.